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VIGILANTES OF MONTANA

A FULL AND COMPLETE HISTORY OF

The object of the writer in presenting this narrative to the public, is twofold. His intention is, in the first place, to give a correct history of an organization administering justice without the sanction of constitutions. aw; and secondly, to prove not only the necessity for their action, but the equity of

their proceedings.

Having an intimate acquaintance with parties cognizant of the facts related, and feeling certain of the literal truth of the statements contained in this history, he offers it to the people of the United States, with the belief that its perusal will greatly modify the views of those even who are most prejudiced against the summary retribution of mountain law, and with the conviction that all honest and impartial men will be willing to admit both the wisdom of the course pursued and the salutary effect of the rule of the Vigilantes in the Territory of

It is also hoped that the history of the celebrated body, the very mention of whose name sounded as a death-knell in the ears of the murderers and Road Agents, will be edifying and instructive to the general The incidents related are neither trivial in themselves, nor unimportant in their results; and, while rivalling fiction in interest, are unvarnished accounts of transactions, whose fidelity can be vouched by thousands.

As a literary production, the author commits it to the examination of the critical without a sigh. If any of these author-slayers are inclined to be more severe in their judgment than he is himself, he trusts they will receive the reward to which their justice entitles them; and if they should pass it by, he cannot but think that they will exercise a sound discretion, and avoid much useless labor. With all its imperfections, here it is.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY-VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.

"The teeth that bite hardest are out of sight."-PROV The end of all good government is the safety and happiness of the governed. It is not possible that a high state of civilization and progress can be maina nign state or civilization and progress can be maintained unless the tenure of life and property is secure; and it follows that the first efforts of a people in a new country for the inauguration of the reign of peace, the sure precursor of prosperity and stability, should be directed to the accomplishment of this object. In newly settled mining districts, the necessity for some effective organization of a judicial and protective character is more keaply felt than it is in other tive character is more keenly felt than it is in other places, where the less exciting pursuits of agricul-ture and commerce mainly attract the attention and occupy the time of the first inhabitants.

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There are good reasons for this difference. The first is the entirely dissimilar character of the populations; and the second, the possession of vast sums of money by uneducated and unprincipled people, in all places where the precious metals may be obtained at the cost of the labor necessary to exhume them from the strata in which they lie concealed. In an agricultural country, the life of the pioness.

from the strata in which they lie concealed.

In an agricultural country, the life of the pioneer settler is always one of hard labor, of considerable privation, and of more or less isolation, while the people who seek to clear a farm in the wild forest, or who break up the virgin soil of the prairies are usually of the steady and hard-working classes, needing little assistance from courts of justice to enable them to maintain rights which are seldom invaded; and whose differences, in the early days of the country, are, for the most part, so slight as to be scarcely worth the cost of a litigation more complicated than a friendly and, usually, gratuitous, arbitration a friendly and, usually, gratuitous, arbitration— submitted to the judgment of the most respected

among the citizens. In marked contrast to the peaceful life of the tiller of the soil, and to the placid monotony of his pur-suits are the turbulent activity, the constant excitement and the perpetual temptations to which the dweller in a mining camp is subject, both during his sojourn in the gulches, or, if he be given to pros-pecting, in his frequent and unpremeditated change of location, commonly called a "stampede." There n scarcely be conceived a greater or more apparent ference than exists between the staid and sedate inhabitants of rural districts, and the motley group of miners, professional men and merchants, thickly interspersed with sharpers, refugees, and a full selection from the dangerous classes that swagger, armed to the teeth, through the diggings, and infest the roads leading to the newly discovered gulches, where lies the object of their worship—Gold.

Fortunetaly the change to a batter state of things

lies the object of their worship—Gold.

Fortunately the change to a better state of things is rapid, and none who now walk the streets of Virginia would believe that, within two years of this date, the great question to be decided was, which was the stronger, right or might?

And here it must be stated, that the remarks which that he companies to what the companies of the compa

truth compels us to make, concerning the classes of individuals which furnish the law defying element of mining camps, are in no wise applicable to the ma-jority of the people, who, while exhibiting the char-acteristic energy of the American race in the pursuit ealth, yet maintain, under every disadvantential morality, which is the more credit an essential morality, which is the more creditable since it must be sincere, in order to withstand the temptations to which it is constantly exposed. "Oh, cursed thirst of gold," said the ancient, and no man has even an inkling of the truth and force of the sentiment, till he has lived where gold and silver are sentiment, till he has lived where gold and silver are as much the objects of desire, and of daily and isboriaus exertion, as glory and promotion are to the young soldier. Were it not for the preponderance of this conservative body of citizens, every camp in remote and recently discovered mineral regions would be a field of blood; and where this is not so, the fact is proof irresistible that the good is in sufficient force to control the evil, and eventually to bring order out of chaos.

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Ten dollars in advance, and the balance on embarched the place of the order that reigns there now. If, then, it is so hard to restrain the dangerous classes of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities, what must be the of old and settled communities. of old and settled communities, what must be the difficulty of the task, when, ten-fold in number, fearless in character, generally well armed, and supplied with money to an extent unknown among their equals in the east, such men find themselves removed from the restraints of civilized society, and beyond the control of the authority which there enforces

obedience to the law.

Were it not for the sterling stuff of which the mass of miners is made, their love of fair play, and their prompt and decisive action in emergencies, this history could never have been written, for desperadoes of every nation would have made this country a scene of bloodshed and a sink of iniquity such as was never before witnessed.

Together with so much that is evil, no where is there so much that is sternly opposed to dishquesty and violence as in the mountains; and though careless of externals and style, to a degree elsewhere unknown, the intrinsic value of manly uprightness is no where so clearly exhibited and so well appreciated as in the Eldorado of the west. Middling people do not live in these regions. A man or a woman TERMS.—Cash, and invariable five months in advance.

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through the camp, habited in the gayest and most costly appurel, and receiving fabulous sums for their purchased favors. In fact, all the temptations to vice are present in full display, with money in abundance to secure the gratification of the desire for novelty and excitement, which is the ruling passion

of the mountaineer.
One "institution," offering a shadowy and dangerous substitute for more legitimate female associa-tion, deserves a more particular notice. This is the "Hurdy-Gurdy" house. As soon as the men have left off work, these places are opened, and dancing commences. Let the render picture to himself a large room, furnished with a bar at one end—where champagne at \$12 (in gold) per bottle, and "drinks" at twenty-five to fifty cents, are wholesaled, (correctly speaking)—and divided, at the end of this bar, by a railing running from side to side. The outer enclosure is densely crowded (and, on particular occaenclosure is densely crowded (and, on particular occasions, the inner one niso) with men in every variety of garb that can be seen on the continent. Beyond the barrier, sit the dancing women, called "hurdy-gurdies," sometimes dressed in uniform, but, more generally, habited according to the dictates of individual caprice, in the finest clothes that money can buy, and which are fashioned in the most attractive that the decrease of the street of the contraction to the contract of the contrac tive styles that fancy can suggest. On one side is a raised orchestra. The music suddenly strikes up, and the summons. "Take your partners for the next dance," is promptly answered by some of the male spectators, who, paying a dollar in gold for a ticket, approach the ladies' bench, and—in style polite, or otherwise, according to antecedents-invite one of the ladies to dance.

The number being complete, the parties take their places, as In any other dancing establishment, and pause for the performance of the introductory notes of the air.

partner every time"—and her companion. Thereshe stands, at the head of the set. She is of middle stands, at the head of the set. She is of initially height, of rather full and rounded form; her complexion as pure as alabaster, a pair of dangerous looking hazel eyes, a slightly Roman nose, and a small and prettily formed mouth. Her auburn hair is neatly banded and gathered in a tastefully ornamented net, with a roll and gold tassels at the side. How sadata she looks during the first figure never How sedate she looks during the first figure, never smiling till the termination of "promenade, eight," when she shows her little white hands in fixing her handsome brooch in its place, and settling her glistening ear-rings. See how nicely her scarlet dress, with its broad black band round the skirt, and its black edging, sets off her dainty figure. No wonder that a wild mountaineer would be willing to pay not one dollar, but all that he has in his purse, for a dance and an approving smile from so beautiful a

Her cavalier stands six feet in his boots, which come to the knee, and are garnished with a pair of Spanish spurs, with rowels and bells like young water wheels. His buckskin leggings are fringed at the seams, and gathered at the waist with a U. S. belt, which lisings his loaded revolver and his sheath knife. His neck is bare, muscular and embrowned by exposure, as is also his bearded face, whose sombre hue is relieved by a pair of piercing dark eyes. His long, black hair hangs down beneath his wide felt hat, and, in the corner of his mouth, is a cigar, which end in his mouth. After an amazingly grave salute, "all hands round" is shouted by the prompter, and off bounds the buckskin hero, rising and falling to the rythm of the dance, with a cluusy agility and a growing euthusiasm, testifying his huge delight. His fair partner, with practised foot and easy grace, keeps time to the music like a clock, and rounds to her place as smoothly and gracefully His fair partner, with practised foot and easy grace, keeps time to the music like a clock, and rounds to ber place as smoothly and gracefully as a swan. As the dance progresses, he of the buckskins gets excited, and nothing but long practice prevents his partner from being swept off her feet, at the conclusion of the miner's delight, "set your partners," or "gents to the right." An Irish tune or a hornpipe generally finishes the set, and then the thunder of heel and toe, and some amazing demivoltes are brought to an end by the aforesaid, "gents to the right." An "gromenage to the bar," which hist closes to this hour, the whispered words, "Virginis" to be for more than one hundred rainable lives had been pittlessly sacrificed and twenty-four miscreants had met a dog's doom as the reward of their crimes.

modest looking Anglo-Saxon. Yonder, beside the tall and tastily clad German brunette, you see the short girl; indeed, representatives of almost everydancing nation of white folks, may be seen on the floor of the Hurdy-Gurdy house. The earnings of the dancers are very different in amount. That dancer in the the flurdy-found house. The earnings of the dencers are very different in amount. That dencer in the low necked dress, with the scarlet "waist," a great favorite and a really good dancer, counted fifty tickets into her lap before "The last dance, grattemen," followed by, "Only this one before the girls go home," which wound up the performance. Twenty-six dollars is a great deal of money to earn in such fashion; but fifty sets of quadrilles and four waltzes, two of them for the love of the thing, is very hard work.

As a rule, however, the professional "hurdies" are Teutons, and, though first rate dancers, they are, with some few exceptions, the reverse of good

ladies to whom pleasure is dearer than fame, repre-sent the female element, and, as may be supposed, the evil only commences at the Dance House. It is not uncommon to see one of these syrens with an "outfit" worth from seven to eight hundred dollars, and many of them invest with merchants and bankers thousands of them invest with merchants and bankers thousands of dollars in gold, the rewards and presents they receive, especially the more highly favored ones, being more, in a week, than a well-educated girl would earn in two years in an Eastern city.

In the Dance House you can see Judges, the beg islative corps, Doctors, and every one but the Minis ter. He never ventures further than to engage in conversation with a friend at the door, and white intently watching the performance, lectures on the evil of such places with considerable force; but his evil of such places with considerable force; but his attention is evidently more fixed upon the dancers than on his lecture. Sometimes may be seen gray haired men dancing, their wives sitting at home in blissful ignorance of the proceeding. There never was a dance house running, for any length of time, in the first days of a mining town, in which "shooting scrapes" do not octur; equal proportions of jealousy, whiskey and revenge being the stimulants thereto. Billiard saloons are everywhere visible, with a bur attached, and hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent there. As might be anticipated, it dollars are spent there. As might be anticipated, it is impossible to prevent quarrels in these places, at all times, and, in the mountains, whatever weapon is handiset—foot, fist, knife, revolver, or derringer—it is instantly used. The authentic and, indeed, LITER ally exact accounts which follow in the course of this narrative will show that the remarks we have this narrative will show that the remarks we have made on the state of society in a new mining councillation. Colored Tennesseean, Nashville; the Tri-

man more fit to serve his country in any capacity requiring courage, integrity and self-reliance, than an "honest miner," who has been tried and found true by a jury of mountaineers.

The universal license that is, at first, a necessity of position in such places, adds greatly to the number of crimes, and to the facilities for their perpetration. Saloons, where poisonous liquors are vended to all comers, and consumed in quantities sufficient to drive excitable men to madness and to the commission of homicide, on the slightest provocation, are to be found in amazing numbers, and the villarinous compounds there sold, under the generic name of whiskey, are more familiarly distinguished by the cognomens of "Tangle-leg," "Forty-rod," "Lightning." "Tarantula-juice," etc., terms only too truly describing their acknowledged qualities.

The absonce of good female society, in any due proportion to the numbers of the opposite sex, is likewise an evil of great magnitude; formen become rough, stern and cruel, to a surprising degree, under such a state of things.

In every frequented street, public gambling houses with open doors and loud music, are resorted to, in broad daylight, by hundreds—it might almost be said—of all tribes and tonguoe, furnishing another fruitful source of "difficulties," which are commonly decided on the spot, by an appeal to brute force, the stab of a knife, or the discharge of a revolver. Women of easy virtue are to be seen promenading through the camp, habited in the gayest and most find the far West. The long delay of justice, the wearities of the same habolute music, are resorted to, in broad daylight, by hundreds—it might almost be said—of all tribes and tonguoe, furnishing another fruitful source of "difficulties," which are commonly decided on the spot, by an appeal to brute force, the stab of a knife, or the discharge of a revolver. When the first hambout be a surface of the surface of th

Finally, swift and terrible retribution is the only preventive of crime, while society is organizing, in the far West. The long delay of justice, the weart-some proceedings, the remembrance of old friendships, etc., create a sympathy for the offender, to strong as to cause a batred of the avenging law, instead of inspiring a horror of the crime. There is something in the excitement of continued stampedes that makes men of quick temperaments unconveniently impulsive. In the moment of remission pedes that makes men of quick temperaments uncon-trollably impulsive. In the moment of passion, they would slay all round them; but let the blood cool, and they would share their last dollar with the men whose life they sought, a day or two before. Habits of thought rule communities more than

laws, and the seitled opinion of a numerous class is, that calling a man a liar, a thief, or a son of a b—b is provocation sufficient to justify instant slaying. Juries do not ordinarily bother themselves about the lengthy instructions they hear read by the court. They simply consider whether the deel is a crime against the Mountain Code; and if not, "not guilty" is the verdict, at once returned. Thieving, or any action which a miner calls MEAN, will surely be vistred with condign punishment, at the heads of a Territorial jury. In such cases, mercy there is none; but, in affairs of single combats, assaults, shootings, stabbings, and highway robberies, the civil law, with its positively awful expense and delay, is worse than

One other main point requires to be noticed. Any person of experience will remember that the universal story of criminals, who have explated their crimes on the scaffold, or who are pining away in the hard-ships of involuntary servitude—tells of habitual Sabbath breaking. This sin is so general in newly discovered diggings in the mountains, that a remonstrance usually produces no more fruit than a few jocalar oaths and a laugh. Religion is said to be "played out," and a professing Christian must keep straight, indeed, or he will be suspected of being a hypocritical member of a tribe, to whom it would be very disagreeable to talk about hemp.

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Under these circumstances, it becomes an absolute necessity that good, law-loving and order-sustaining men should unite for mutual protection, and for the salvation of the community. Being united, they must act in harmony; repress disorder; punish crime, and prevent outrage, or their organization would be a failure from the start, and society would collapse in the threes of anarchy. None but extreme penalin the throes of anarchy. None but extreme penal-ties, inflicted with promptitude, are of any avail to quell the spirit of the despendoes with whom they have to contend; considerable numbers are required to cope successfully with the gangs of murderers, desperadoes and robbers, who infest mining coun-tries, and who, though faithful to no other bond. yet all league willingly against the law. Secret they must be, in council and membership, or they will remain nearly useless for the detection of crime, in a country where equal facilities for the transmission of intelligence are at the command of the crim-inal and the judiciary; and an organization on this footing is a Vigilance Committee.

Such was the state of affairs, when five men in Virginia, and four in Bannack, initiated the move-ment which resulted in the formation of a tribunal, supported by an omnipresent executive, comprising within itself nearly every good man in the Territory, and pledged to render impartial justice to friend and foe, without regard to clime, creed, race or politics rolls like the lever of an eccentric, as he chews the In a few short weeks it was known that the voice of

brought to an end by the aforesaid, "gents to the right," and "promenade to the bar," which last closes the dance. After a treat, the bar-keeper mechanically raps his blower as a hint to "weigh out," the ladies sit down, and, with scarcely an interval, a waltz, polka, schottische, mazurka, varsovienne, or another quadrille commences.

All varieties of costume, physique and demeanor can be noticed among the dancers—from the gayest colors and "loudest" styles of dress and manner, to the snugly fitting black silk, and plain, white collar, which sets off the neat figure of that blue-eyed, modest looking Anglo-Saxon. Yonder, beside the tall vars spent in werry extle from home, in places where modest looking Anglo-Saxon. Yonder, beside the tall years spent in weary extle from home, in places where and tastily clad German brunette, you see the short civil law is as powerless as a palsied arm, from sheer curls, rounded tournure and smiling face of an Irish lack of ability to enforce its decrees—alter the basis

civil law is as powerless as a palsied arm, from sheer lack of ability to enforce its decrees—after the basis of the reasoning, and reverse the conclusion. In the case of the Vigilantes of Montana, it must be also remembered that the Sherifi biniself was the leader of the Road Agents, and his deputies were the prominent members of the band.

The question of the propriety of establishing a Vigilance Committee, depends upon the answers which ought to be given to the following queries: It it lawful for citizens to slay robbers or murderers, when they catch them; or ought they to wait for policemen, where there are none, or put them in pencolicemen, where there are none, or put them in pen-

when they catch tawn, or outstand they policemen, where there are none, or put them in penitentiaries not yet erected?

Gladly, indeed, we feel sure, would the Vigilantes cease from their labor, and joyfully would they hall the advent of power, civil or military, to take their place; but, till this is furnished by Government, society must be preserved from demoralization and anarchy; murder, arson and cobbery must be prevented or punished, and road agents must die. Justice, and protection from wrong to person or property, are the birth-right of every American citizen, and these must be furnished in the best and most effectual manuer that circumstances render possible. Furnished, however, they must be by constitutional law, undoubtedly, wherever practical and efficient provision can be made for its enforcement. But where justice is powerless as well as blind; the strong arm of the mountaineer must wield her sword; for "self preservation is the first law of nature."

(To be Continued.) It should never be forgotten that the Southern States, by the abolition of slavery, obtain a great increase of political power over what they enjoyed prior to the rebel-lion. Hon. John Sherman, who has examined the matter, says they will gain fourteen teen new members of Congress, and as many electoral votes. This comes from counting. all the blacks in the basis of representation, and not three-fifths, as before-

THE colored people are making rapid advancement toward the light. Seven new journals have been established by them, within a few months, as follows: The bune, New Orleans; the Black Republican, New Orleans, and the Weekty Communicator,

Junes Marotx, of Florida, is appointed Provisional Governor of that State. He was a Union refugee during the robellion.